Loudoun County Economic Development Commission Meeting Minutes

Date: December 3, 2010					
Location: Loudoun Water, Ashburn VA					
EDC Members					
John Bischoff	Y	Paula Harper	Y	Stephen Mackey	Y
Joe Boling	Y	Bert Harrell	N	Hobie Mitchell	Y
Ralph Buona	Y	Kim Hart	Y	Joe Paciulli	Y
Brian Chavis	Y	Mark Hassinger	N	Rick Pearson	Y
Jerry Coughter	Y	Ed Hatrick	N	Mary Porter Green	Y
Norman Duncan	Y	Tim Hemstreet	Y	Bob Steere	Y
Linda Erbs	Y	Tony Howard	Y	John Stevens	Y
Doug Fabbioli	Y	Carolyn Howell	Y	Robin Suomi	Y
Michelle Frank	Y	Rick Hurwitt	Y	Elaine Walker	Y
Alice Frazier	N	Randy Kelley	Y	Rick Webster	Y
Russ Gestl	N	Shaun Kelley	Y	Charlene Wheeless	Y
Carl Grant	Y	Kurt Krause	N	John Wood	Y
Katie Hammler	Y	Michelle Krocker	N	Ed Zigo	Y
Lynn Hampton	N	Ted Lewis	Y		

Supervisor Buckley and Supervisor Burton

Staff Present

Robyn Bailey, Phil Denino, Tom Flynn, Steve Hargan, Alison Howard, Donna Hurwitt, Linda Neri, Buddy Rizer, Tricia Simons, Susan VanEpps and Charles Yudd.

Agenda: Call to Order/Determination of Quorum/Adopt Minutes; Route 28/CPAM; Economic Development Quarterly Report; State of the Towns; Committee/Partner Updates and Goals; Chairman's Item; Old Business; New Business.

Major Points of Discussion:

Call to Order/Determination of Quorum/Adopt Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by John Wood. Hobie Mitchel motioned to approve the December 2010 minutes, seconded by Joe Boling. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Route 28/CPAM (Hemstreet): Tim Hemstreet introduced Miguel Salinas and Julie Pastor who gave an update on Route 28/CPAM. Please refer to presentation online at biz.loudoun.gov.

Economic Development Quarterly Report (Flynn, Rizer and Simons): Tom Flynn, Buddy Rizer and Tricia Simons presented the Economic Development Quarterly Report. Please refer to presentation online at biz.loudoun.gov.

State of the Towns (Denino): Phil Denino presented the State of the Towns. Please refer presentation online at biz.loudoun.gov

Committee/Partner Updates and Goals:

Executive Committee (Kelley): Shaun Kelley reported the committee set the December EDC agenda. They discussed the Board of Supervisor's priorities and how EDC can work with county staff to communicate EDC position to the Board of Supervisors. The committee discussed the organization and where it is important and strategic for the county to have a presence such as the Dulles Corridor Rail Association. As a result of that discussion it was decided Ted Lewis would join the Board of the Dulles

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Corridor Rail Association. The committee also discussed the status of Economic Development in the county and the barriers to that development that included the overview of the permitting process. The committee also had a brief update on the Chesapeake Bay Act and the county budget.

Education & Workforce (Harper): Paula Harper announced the Verizon Foundation \$20,000 contribution for the Teacher In Industry Program. In 2011 they will begin work on the website to further recruitment efforts. There are two other chambers and a school from Fairfax County that is interested in the Teacher In Industry Program and they hope to meet with them in the beginning of 2011. Ms. Harper said the Cyber Center of Excellence is working along with GW, George Mason and Steve Hargan. She anticipates those conversations to move forward.

Policy and Implementation (Frank): Ms. Frank reported the committee put the Rail to Loudoun and the sign ordinance thru the new workflow process. They will begin to work with other committee chairs to adopt the new process.

Transportation and Infrastructure (Lewis): There was a Rail to Loudoun presentation by Tom Farley and Tim Hemstreet at the last committee meeting. The committee recently submitted their recommendations on the sign ordinance and it will go to the staff report rather than the public hearing. The committee will be submitting a proposed amendment change to the CTP with regards to Belmont Ridge Road for December 13 and in January the Route 28/CPAM recommendation.

Marketing & Business Retention: John Wood announced that Kurt Krause was hosting the Exploring a Local Foods Marketing Distribution System program at the National Conference Center today.

Rural Economic Development Council (Fabbioli): Mr. Fabbioli reported the REDC discussed how bicycle friendly our county is. The committee discussed the 200,000 acre plan and they continue to work on their strategy. The committee also discussed food distribution and how to build a balance within the community.

Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce (Buona): Ralph Buona reported the next Chamber Leadership Luncheon will feature Dr. Alan Merten. The Chamber will host the Public Policy Pre-Legislative Breakfast on December 14 and their annual open house on December 15. On January 27 the Chamber will hold its Annual Meeting with former CIA Director, John McLaughlin. The coalition with the Reston and Dulles Chamber continues with a trip to Richmond to advocate on potential resolutions. Mr. Buona updated the EDC on the veteran programs Telos is involved in currently. Tony Howard stated that Paula Harper located the "Hiring our Heroes" initiative by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. There is a meeting scheduled to learn more on how the Loudoun Chamber can become involved.

Chair's Item (Wood): John Wood introduced Joanne Theurich, Chief Administrative Officer at HHMI. Mr. Wood opened a discussion of amount of money raised to run for the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors versus the Loudoun County School Board.

New Business: Supervisor Buckley encouraged EDC to review the Board's Strategic Workplan and respond with feedback and comments. Mr. Kim Hart announced the groundbreaking for the Windy Hills project in Plains, Virginia and the launching of their new website www.windyhillfoundation.org.

Adjournment at 10:04 a.m.

Action Taken: Meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. by John Wood. The 2010 EDC meeting minutes approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

Follow-up: N/A

Next Meeting Agenda: To Be Determined

Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting: 8:00 a.m. on Friday, January 7, 2011 at Loudoun Water.